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## West Sets Up High Command, Orders Necessary Forces Built To Defend Europe Against Reds

### 12 Atlantic Nations Announce Permanent Committee Creation

LONDON, May 18.—Atlantic pact foreign ministers set up a permanent high command tonight and ordered it to develop the armed forces necessary for the defense of Western Europe.

Each of the 12 foreign ministers will appoint a deputy to serve on the permanent committee.

The appointments will be made "with the least possible delay" so that the deputies can proceed to appoint a full-time chairman from among their members, the foreign ministers announced in a communiqué at the close of their four-day session.

This was in line with an agreement to set up a high command to block communism, whether it tries armed attack or "Trojan horse" conquest.

Meetings Held Too Infrequent.

The communiqué said:

"A year's experience has shown that on the political side the meetings of the council have been too infrequent to permit a sufficient exchange of views on matters of common interest within the scope of the treaty."

"On the military side the strategic concept of the treaty has been adopted and a defense plan drawn up, and the corresponding estimate of the necessary forces is being established."

"The next step is to put these plans into effect by taking further measures in the direction of common defense, the division of financial responsibilities and the adaptation and development of the necessary forces."

Tasks Given Priority.

The communiqué said the permanent high command will execute policies and be responsible "for formulating issues requiring decisions by the member governments."

The highest priority tasks of the permanent council will be:

1. To co-ordinate the work of the North Atlantic Council's Defense Committee, its Defense Financial and Economic Committee and all other agencies established under the treaty.

2. Recommend to governments the steps necessary to get co-ordinated plans into operation for the defense of the North Atlantic area.

American Seen Likely Chief.

The high command probably will be headed by an American.

European newspapers have been full of speculation about who the council head would be. Those mentioned include W. Averell Harriman, roving ambassador for the Marshall Plan; Robert A. Lovett, former Undersecretary of State; Gen. Omar A. Bradley, chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, wartime supreme Allied commander in Europe.

The 12 nations which agreed on this plan are the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Italy, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Portugal and Iceland.

Agreement was achieved only after considerable soul-searching by some European members who fear they will be used only as expendable bases in the event of Russian armed aggression.

They were told the West must adopt a bold strategy of strength. (See MINISTERS, Page A-4.)

## U. S. Embassy Worker In Korea Held as Spy

SEOUL, Korea, May 18.—A Korean translator employed in the United States Embassy here has been arrested on a charge of espionage.

Police Chief Kim Tai Sun said the translator is Kim Woo Sik, 28. He had been employed in the Embassy since 1947 as a clerk in the Consulate and since the winter of last year as reporter and interpreter for the political section of the Embassy.

The chief said the translator told him his life had been threatened by Communist North Koreans unless he obtained information for them. The chief said Kim had supplied data for about 10 months, but had never informed police.

A spokesman for the Embassy said no statement would be issued until the affair had been investigated. A minor official said Kim had attended open sessions of the Assembly and served as translator at open meetings of Assembly members and American officials.

"All the information he obtained for us was available to any one," this official said.

The arrest of Kim followed apprehension of another Korean several days ago. The police chief said the first Korean confessed and implicated Kim and a third person not yet arrested.

## Crime Inquiry Seeks to Link Erickson With Detroit Gang

New York Prosecutor's Report Studied; Tobey Hints at Perjury Charges

By Miriam Ottenberg

Senate crime probes are expected to plunge into an investigation of alleged tie-ups between Bookmaker Frank Erickson, a Florida gambling house and a group believed to be members of Detroit's "Purple Gang."

This was indicated today as the special Senate Crime Investigating Committee scheduled a meeting to map their initial approach to interstate crime.

In another development a committee member, Senator Tobey, Republican of New Hampshire said possibilities are "very hot" that Senators will consider perjury charges against Erickson.

It was thought likely the committee would lose no time developing the interstate aspects of the disclosures made in New York yesterday by Assistant District Attorney Alfred H. Scott.

Mr. Scott told the court in New York that Gambler Erickson gets a cut from a gaming room operated at the swank Colonial Inn, located near Hallandale, Fla., between Miami and Hollywood. Hallandale is the train stop for the Gulfstream Race Track.

The prosecutor reported the Florida gambling house netted a profit of \$865,538 in one year for Erickson and its Florida and Detroit owners. He said Erickson's 5 per cent cut netted him \$34,276 for that period.

The Florida Crime Commission, which has been working on gambling manipulations in that State, is thought to have a

switchmen call strike for Tuesday morning on 10 railroads

AFL Union Demanding 40 Hours on Lines in West and Midwest

CHICAGO, May 18.—Ten Midwestern and Western railroads were threatened today with a strike Tuesday morning by 6,000 switchmen.

The walkout was called last night by the AFL Switchmen's Union of North America in a wage dispute.

It came less than 48 hours after settlement of the crippling six-day firemen's strike against five of the Nation's carriers.

The firemen's walkout is not directed against any of the recently struck lines.

Union President Arthur J. Glover said in Washington the strike was set to enforce demands for 48 hours pay for a 40-hour week. The union, one of five operating brotherhoods, was not affected by the 1949 decision by presidential emergency boards giving the 40-hour work week to non-operating workers.

Mediators' Processes Exhausted.

The strike action, Mr. Glover said, will be directed against the Chicago Great Western, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Davenport, Rock Island & Northwestern; Denver & Rio Grande Western; Great Northern, Minneapolis & St. Louis, Northern Pacific Terminal Co. of Oregon, St. Paul Union Depot Co., Sioux City Terminal Railroad Co., and Western Pacific Railroad Co. The strike deadline was announced at 6 a.m. local time.

A spokesman for the Association of Western Railroads said switchmen, yard foreman, yard brakemen and helpers would be affected by the strike. The union, he said, represents about 10 per cent of the men doing this class of work on the Nation's carriers. The others—some 90,000—are members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

All mediation machinery under the National (Railway) Labor Act has been exhausted, Mr. Glover said.

Bees Delay Mail

BALLSTON SPA, N. Y., May 18 (AP)—A swarm of bees delayed the mail yesterday. The bees gathered on the rear of a mail truck as John Lummianick drove from the post office. Mr. Lummianick hurried back to the post office. Two beekeepers collected the bees and the mail moved again, nearly an hour late.

## 35 Congressional Game Tickets Add Up to Camp for One Child

The hopes of scores of needy children rest on the Congressional baseball game in Griffith Stadium tomorrow night.

For every 17 persons who sit in boxes, or every 35 who purchase general admission tickets, a child can be given a healthful two-week stay at summer camp.

Congress, the Armed Forces and the Coast Guard will unite to stage a spectacle that could not be held anywhere else in the country, all in the interest of taking underprivileged children off the hot streets of Washington and sending them to camps in Prince William Forest Park in Virginia, where they can swim, play and, especially, eat and sleep in the healthful air of pine woods.

The evening will get underway with an impressive military display, featuring six bands, four companies of troops of three platoons each, a crack drill team and 48 service women carrying the State flag.

Promptly at 8 p.m., Maj. E. R. W. McCabe, jr., of the 3d Infantry, marshal of the parade, will lead his staff onto the field. He will be followed by the Army Band and a company of Marines, the Navy School of Music Band and a company of sailors and the Air Force School Band and a company of airmen. These units will line up behind second base facing home plate.

They will be followed by the

## Rent Control Bill Approved By Committee

December 31 Limit Set By House Plan Unless Cities Extend Curbs

By the Associated Press

The House Banking Committee voted, 13 to 4, today for another year of Federal rent control.

The bill provides, however, that controls will end December 31 in cities that do not vote to continue them until June 30, 1951.

The present rent control law expires at the end of next month. The committee's action sends its bill to the House. The measure, sponsored by Chairman Spence, has these main provisions:

1. Continuation of the Federal control powers to June 30, 1951.

2. Increased "local option" provisions whereby localities can determine whether they want further controls. A city would have the power at any time to vote out controls. Once taken off, no rent ceilings could be reimposed in a particular locality.

3. Rent controls to end automatically December 31 in all localities where the local governing body or the people in referendum do not decide to continue the controls to June 30, 1951.

Governors Couldn't Veto Action.

Governors of the various States would have no authority to veto the action of cities taking themselves out from under the Federal rent ceilings.

President Truman asked for a renewal of the rent law in a special message to Congress April 21. He said "a sudden and simultaneous removal of rent controls on a national scale would precipitate a wave of exorbitant rent increases."

Mr. Truman also argued that rent increases would mean the average family would have to cut its spending for food and clothing. He said that would lead to unemployment.

Labor groups also campaigned strongly for continuation of controls.

Wage Demands Forecast.

Spokesmen for the CIO and AFL told the committee yesterday that if controls were dropped labor certainly would ask for a new round of wage increases.

Mr. Truman said that controls are now being dropped gradually.

He estimated that by June 30, only 8 million rental units would be under rent ceilings. This compares with a top of 16 million units controlled in 1946.

Millions of rental units have been decontrolled under the present law that permits State legislatures to decontrol whole States, localities to decontrol themselves and the Federal Housing Expediter to lift ceilings where he thinks housing pressures have eased.

## Convict Slain as 3 Attempt Baltimore Prison Break

By the Associated Press

BALTIMORE, May 18.—A prisoner was shot and killed today when three inmates tried to break out of Maryland Penitentiary in downtown Baltimore.

A guard said they had the other two men cornered in a prison building that is being converted into a factory. The slain prisoner was not identified by the police.

Col. Edwin G. Swenson, prison warden, said the shooting frustrated a break "which almost caught us flat-footed."

"It was either the guard or the prisoner," he said.

"The man was almost on top of the guard," he said.

Col. Swenson said the man killed apparently leaped from the top of the building to a guard tower on the wall, about 25 feet.

## Senate Hearings Open June 1 on Draft Bill

Chairman Tydings of the Senate Armed Services Committee announced today that hearings will begin June 1 on a bill to extend the draft.

Witnesses will include Defense Secretary Johnson, accompanied by Army Secretary Pace and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Opposition witnesses will be heard the next day or early in the following week.

Extension of selective service was requested by President Truman in his State of the Union message on January 5 as "a positive demonstration of our resolve to maintain the strength of the free world."

Measures extending the draft were introduced in the Senate on January 13 and in the House on January 17.

The House Armed Services Committee held a series of sessions on the legislation but temporarily laid it aside on February 1.

With the international situation becoming more serious, the House committee reopened hearings and reported a draft bill on May 5. That bill is scheduled for consideration in the House next week.



## 4 Hoodlums Beat Policeman, Rob Him of Pistol and Wallet

Off-Duty Station Clerk Attacked at Night On His Way Home

Four hoodlums ganged up on an off-duty policeman early today, beat him up and stole his pistol.

Victim of the street attack was Pvt. George W. Winkel, 33, station clerk in the detective bureau. He suffered a possible broken jaw, lost two front teeth and was cut about the face.

Pvt. Winkel, who worked until 11 o'clock last night, told police he went home to 319 F street N.E., after work to take his wife out for dinner.

He didn't want what the restaurant offered but his wife ate and the couple went home. Mrs. Winkel then stayed home with their children to relieve the baby sitter and her husband went out again alone in search of some hamburgers.

The policeman, wearing a civilian coat over his uniform and no hat, was returning home for the second time when he noticed four colored men walking toward him.

Butterworth Is Chosen As Envoy to Sweden in State Department Shift

Matthews to Be Recalled For Designation as Undersecretary

In a top-level shift in the State Department, President Truman today nominated W. Walton Butterworth, an assistant secretary, to be Ambassador to Sweden and H. Freeman Matthews, the present Ambassador to Sweden, to be an assistant secretary.

Mr. Matthews, when confirmed, is to be designated one of the department's two undersecretaries, according to the State Department.

Mr. Butterworth, 46, formerly Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, at present is working on the Japanese peace treaty under a special assignment from Secretary of State Acheson.

As director of Far Eastern policy, Mr. Butterworth was a controversial figure. His appointment last year was criticized in the Senate where it was argued that he had been too closely identified with the American policies that failed to keep China out of Communist hands.

Mr. Matthews, 50, is a career diplomat.

The vacancy he will fill as deputy undersecretary was created when Dean Rusk was named Assistant Secretary in Charge of Far Eastern Affairs.

## 22d Child Is Born To Ontario Couple

ANSONVILLE, Ontario, May 18.—Mrs. Robert Page, 43, yesterday gave birth to her 22d child. The oldest is 27. Three children died.

Three boys and one girl are married, two boys work in Sarina, Ontario, and six children still are going to school in this Northern Ontario community.

"We're not sure where the rest are," said Mr. Page, a laborer, who collects more than \$50 a month in government family allowance.

## Israel Gets 10 Tons of Toys

HAIFA, Israel, May 18 (AP)—Ten tons of toys, sent from the United States for children in Israeli immigrant camps, arrived today. The toys were collected by the American Legion for underprivileged children in various parts of the world.

## Snyder Predicts Year Will Be One of Most Profitable in History

Consumer Incomes High, He Says; Home Building, Auto Output Cited

By the Associated Press

MEMPHIS, May 18.—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder said today that 1950 "will be one of the most profitable business years in our history."

"There is sound basis for confidence in the business outlook for our Nation," he said in a speech prepared for the 60th annual convention of the Tennessee Bankers' Association.

Recalling that business profits this year "are less likely to be held down by inventory losses since commodity prices have shown a firm trend for nearly a year," Mr. Snyder questioned whether new capital outlays by business will be cut back as much as was earlier estimated.

He said strong points in the business picture include high level home building, auto production and consumer incomes and spending.

The Treasury chief, a native of neighboring Arkansas, described the growing labor force as "one of the Nation's biggest assets for future progress," but added:

"To realize our full potential for business profits and national income, new jobs must be developed in step with our growing population. In the longer run, as our population grows, new jobs must be created by the initiative and vision of both management and job seekers."

Chicago Transit to Stop To Honor Labor Leader

By the Associated Press

CHICAGO, May 18.—All of Chicago's streetcars, elevated trains and buses under operation of the Chicago Transit Authority will be halted for one minute at 2 p.m. today in a tribute to a dead labor leader.

The one-minute cessation will coincide with the beginning of funeral services for Joseph J. Kehoe, president of Division 241 of the Street Car Men's Union and nationally-known AFL leader. The tribute was authorized by the CTA Board.

Mr. Kehoe, 68, died last Monday.

## County Short of Magistrates; Last One Left Is Woman, 78

Prince Georges County today has only one full-time committing magistrate, creating a problem for police as well as for the public.

The sole magistrate on duty is 78-year-old Mrs. Mary Painter, Hyattsville. County Police Supt. Ralph W. Brown has asked for six more for an area embracing about 190,000 inhabitants.

The county commissioners will meet in closed session at 9 a.m. tomorrow, reportedly to consider the matter.

The situation became acute during the last week with the death of one magistrate and sudden departure of another. A third, Harold F. Manning, Edmonston, resigned about two months ago.

Committing magistrates' duties include setting collateral, issuing warrants and fixing bonds.

Justice of the Peace Harry Fiddesop is the latest magistrate to leave. Informed sources said Mr. Fiddesop's pay was halted by the county two days ago. But the commissioners refused to comment.

Mr. Fiddesop could not be reached today.

His departure, along with that of Mr. Manning, leaves only Mrs. Painter to serve on full-time status at the Hyattsville Police Station. Death of Justice of the Peace Irving P. Traband of Upper Marlboro last week left the Upper Marlboro station without the services of any full-time magistrate.

Police complained that the lack of such magistrates on duty at police stations is hampering the law enforcement efforts. They said that after making arrests, they have to spend considerable time locating one of about 12 part-time justices of the peace at their homes.

Full-time magistrates receive \$150 monthly. Chief Brown recommended that three be stationed at each police station working on eight-hour shifts and that the seventh one serve as a "swing man" to replace the others on their day off.

Under the law, magistrates must be appointed by the Governor.

## House Unit Votes 4% Interest Cut On Tax Refunds

Plan Would Retain 6% Penalty Rate For Late Returns

By the Associated Press

The House Ways and Means Committee voted today to cut to 2 per cent the interest rate paid by the Government on overpayments of taxes that are refunded later.

The rate now is 6 per cent. The committee decided to keep at 6 per cent the rate the taxpayer must pay if he is late with his payments.

The Government pays out about \$100,000,000 a year in interest on refunded tax overpayments. Staff experts advised the committee that cutting the rate from 6 to 2 per cent would save the Government \$67,000,000 a year.

Some big taxpayers are suspected, in fact, of deliberately overpaying their taxes in order to collect the 6 per cent. Interest rates being what they are—and bond yields as low as they are—an overpayment of taxes is one of the most profitable safe investments a man with surplus money can make.

Plan Written Into New Bills.

The proposed cut is being written into the new tax bills the committee is drafting.

It has made a number of proposed cuts in taxes. The most controversial of these, at least within the committee, is a proposed drop from 25 to 16 per cent in the tax on long-term capital gains.

The main argument there is whether the cut in taxes on stock and bond dealers would help market speculators more than it would the Nation's economy.

The proposal would apply to trading in real estate and commodities, as well as to stocks and bonds. The committee's action brought an immediate dispute among its members.

Representative Combs, Democrat, of Texas called the suggested cut "grossly inequitable," and said its main benefits would go to stock market speculators and high bracket taxpayers while those in the lower brackets would suffer.

New Yorker Defends Move.

Representative Lynch, Democrat, of New York countered by calling the committee action an "excellent" move which would stimulate business and add \$100 million a year to the Government's income.

If approved by Congress, the committee recommendation would have this effect:

1. The maximum tax on long-term capital gains would be slashed from the present 25 per cent to 16 per cent.

2. A capital asset would have to be held only three months—instead of six—in order for its sale to be considered as either a gain or a loss for income tax purposes.

The first provision would apply to transactions by individuals only; the second would apply to deals by both individuals and corporations.

Owners Gain on Long Holdings.

By law, a gain or loss from the sale of such property held longer than six months may be computed along with other income and deductions for tax purposes. This means a savings to persons with incomes taxed less than 50 per cent.

Those with higher income taxes may compute profits from such transactions separately, in which case there profits cannot be taxed more than 25 per cent. Losses from such deals may be partially deducted in computing taxes on other income.

If the stocks, bonds or other property are held for less than six months, they are taxed under the regular income tax rates.

Mr. Combs blasted away at a statement at the committee move to ease the tax restrictions on such deals. He denied that the action would serve its intended purpose.